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leptin peptide and compositions thereof, classified in class 514, subclass 2, for example. Please note that Claims 31-34 were added to Group I in a telephonic message by the Examiner on or about January 8, 2001.

The Examiner further restricted the invention to one of three species described on page 7 of the Restriction Requirement. Applicants additionally elect to have the species described as "peptides having 70% homology to any one of amino acid sequences SEQ ID NO:2-26 and 18" examined at this time. Applicants make all elections without prejudice to pursuing non-elected subject matter in later applications.

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-18, 31-34, 39 and 43-61 will be pending in the application. Claims 19-30, 35-38 and 40-42 have been cancelled as non-elected claims. Applicants paid for 42 total claims in the present application, and 42 claims remain pending upon entry of the present amendments. It is believed that no additional fees are required.

Support for the amendment to claims 1 and 13 appears in at least claims 1 and 12 as originally filed. Support for amendments to claim 4 appears in the specification at least at page 19, lines 16-20. Support for amendments to claim 6 appears in the specification at least at page 19, lines 20-29. Amendments were made to claims 7 and 12 to correct grammatical and typographical errors, respectively. Claims 18, 31-34 and 39 were amended to remove multiple dependencies. Support for new claims 43 through 61 appears at least in claims 1, 3, 10, 18, 31-32, 34 and 39 as originally filed. Additional support for the percent homologies in claims 43 and 50 appears in the specification at least at page 26, lines 1-8. No new matter has been added.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original subject matter of all cancelled and amended claims in a subsequent application or applications.

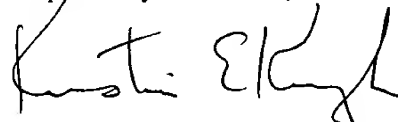
CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact either of the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

A response to the Restriction Requirement with a one month extension of time is due on or before February 20, 2001, as Monday, February 19, 2001 falls on a federal holiday. A check for \$55.00 required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1) is enclosed. Applicants believe that no additional payment is necessary. Should any fee be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 19705-001 (AMC-1).

Should any questions or issues arise concerning the application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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